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Re: MUR 4963, Gore 2000, Inc. and
Jose Villarreal, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Noble:

We represent the above-named respondents in MUR 4963, a complaint filed by Lyndon LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods, and this letter constitutes our response on their behalf. Please note as an initial matter that we filed a blanket designation of counsel statement on behalf of Gore 2000, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as Treasurer, some six months ago, so that all notifications would be sent to our law firm. (Another copy is enclosed.) Unfortunately and despite repeated reminders, this notification was not sent to us. Again, we request that you adjust your records.

With respect to this MUR, the allegations made by LaRouche in this complaint are identical to those made in MUR 4956, to which we responded on February 4, 2000 and MUR 4962, to which we responded on February 8, 2000. In those responses, we demonstrated that Gore 2000 could not be found to have violated Federal election law by participating in a bona fide debate sponsored by legitimate media outlets and which complied on its face with both the debate regulation at 11 CFR §110.13 and the press exemption to the definition of contribution at 11 CFR §100.7(b).

Consequently, we incorporate those responses by reference and have enclosed copies for your review. Although one of the sponsors of the debate in this matter is different, i.e., the Los Angeles Times, the identical analysis should be applied by the Commission to dismiss this matter.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Commission find no reason to believe that any violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended,

was committed by Gore 2000, Inc. or Jose Villarreal, as Treasurer, and close this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,



Eric Kleinfeld

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Enclosures

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